CHILDREN'S SUB-COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT HAUT DE LA GARENNE ON 18th JANUARY, 1961. at 6.30.p.m.

Present: Deputy Mrs.Green, Deputy Keith Baal and Deputy Goodsman.

In attendance: Miss P.L.Thornton and later, Mr.Mallinson, Deputy Superintendent.

Miss Thornton reported to the Sub-Committee that the evening previously Mr. Mallinson had asked her to go to Haut de la Garenne in order to tell her that a 14 year old boy had run away earlier in the evening. He had been found by [redacted] and [redacted]. He was very upset and stated he was going to see Miss Thornton to tell her of certain indecent behaviour of Mr. Brooks. [redacted] managed to take him back to Haut de la Garenne. He had then described in detail to Mr. [redacted] Mallinson the things which had occurred.

The Sub-Committee then talked to Mr. Mallinson and, after discussion, decided that they must have a statement from the boy himself. The boy came in and, without any prompting, told the Committee very much the same story he had told Mr. Mallinson. After the boy had left the room and the Sub-Committee had had a further discussion, Deputy Mrs. Green rang the President of the Education Committee and Senator John Le Marquand joined the Meeting. It was then decided to interviewed Mr. Brooks, the Assistant House-Father.

Mr. Brooks looked extremely distressed. When asked if he knew the reason for his interview, he stated Yes, he had hit the boy in question. When pressed further, however, he admitted to having had the boy in his room and he later admitted that the boy had been in his bed. His statement coincided in many ways with the statement made by the boy. When Mr. Brooks left the room, The President rang Brigadier Macpherson, who joined the Meeting, and also Dr. Wishart for his advice.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee decided that it was their duty to inform the Attorney General. The President then rang the Attorney General and, a short while later, Centenier de la Mare came to Haut de la Garenne. After speaking to the Sub-Committee, he went into another room and interview Mr. Brooks, who admitted the affair. The Centenier then took Mr. Brooks into custody.
